

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A computerized method for determining an allocation of software and data components in a distributed system, the method comprising:

modeling a target system, the target system having a plurality of computing resources;

determining a set of couplings in the target system, said couplings including ~~couplings selected from the group comprising: at least one coupling from each of~~ control couplings, data couplings and peripheral couplings;

prepartitioning the set of couplings to produce data and ~~control~~ code partitions; preallocating each coupling in the set of couplings to one of the plurality of computing resources;

interleaving the preallocated data and ~~control~~ code partitions;

defining a set of components according to the interleaved and preallocated partitions, each of the components having a data and a code segment; determining a modularity of the set of components; and determining a coupling strength for [[a]] each coupling in the set of couplings.

2. (Original) The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining a computer hardware resource based on the determination of the modularity; and

interleaving the data and the code segment of each of the components.

3. (Original) The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising:

assigning each component of the set of components to a computer hardware resource based on the determination of the modularity; and

interleaving the data and the code segment of each of the components.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The computerized method of claim 1, wherein the coupling comprises a control coupling and the coupling strength of the control coupling is determined using a task latency for a task in the control coupling, a timing strength, and a frequency strength.

6. (Currently Amended) The computerized method of claim 1, wherein the coupling comprises a data coupling and the coupling strength of the data coupling is determined using a latency value, a timing strength, a frequency strength, and a bandwidth strength.

7. (Currently Amended) The computerized method of claim 1, wherein the coupling comprises a peripheral coupling and the coupling strength of the peripheral coupling is determined using a latency value, a timing strength, and a frequency strength.

8. (Previously Presented) The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising:  
calculating bottleneck ratios; and  
ordering evaluations of couplings based on bottleneck ratios.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing a method for determining an allocation of software and data components in a distributed system, the method comprising:

modeling a target system, the target system having a plurality of computing resources;  
determining a set of couplings in the target system, said couplings including ~~couplings selected from the group comprising:~~ at least one coupling from each of control couplings, data couplings and peripheral couplings;  
prepartitioning the set of couplings to produce data and ~~control~~ code partitions;  
preallocating each coupling in the set of couplings to one of the plurality of computing resources;

interleaving the preallocated data and ~~control~~ code partitions;  
defining a set of components according to the interleaved and preallocated data  
and control partitions, each of the components having a data and a code segment;  
determining a modularity of the set of components; and  
determining a coupling strength for [[a]] each coupling in the set of couplings.

10. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the method  
further comprises:

determining a computer hardware resource based on the determination of the  
modularity; and  
interleaving the data and the code segment of each of the components.

11. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the method  
further comprises:

assigning each component of the set of components to a computer  
hardware resource based on the determination of the modularity; and  
interleaving the data and the code segment of each of the components.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the coupling  
comprises a control coupling and the coupling strength of the control coupling is determined  
using a task latency for a task in the control coupling, a timing strength, and a frequency  
strength.

14. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the coupling  
comprises a data coupling and the coupling strength of the data coupling is determined using a  
value selected from the group comprising: a latency value, a timing strength, a frequency  
strength, and a bandwidth strength.

15. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 12, wherein the coupling comprises a peripheral coupling and the coupling strength of the peripheral coupling is determined using a latency value, a timing strength, and a frequency strength.

16. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the method further comprises:

calculating bottleneck ratios; and  
ordering evaluations of couplings based on bottleneck ratios.